

NO DISTINCTION

Rev. Dr. Carson, Brooklyn's Noted Calvinist, Says Lyman Abbott Was Orthodox, Not Startling, in Harvard Address.

THRESHING OLD STRAW, NO NEW FAITH KEYNOTES.

Presbyterian Quotes Authorities to Show that Great Congregation's "New Religion" Is Old-Fashioned Theism.

The Rev. John F. Carson, of the Central Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, says little or nothing new in the "new religion" of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott. Mr. Carson in discussing the rather remarkable sermon of Dr. Abbott to-day said:

"I have read the report of Dr. Abbott's address. The first impression which it makes upon me is that Dr. Abbott was more startled by its utterance than his readers will be, and it is fair to infer that in making his address he had not so much the students of Harvard before him as the reading public, for he told the students that the newspapers would get hold of what he said and he would be branded as a heretic. Well, that brand has ceased to have any significance. In our day it gives neither distinction nor discredit.

Nothing New in "Keynote."

"I fail to hear any 'keynote' of a new faith," Dr. Abbott's utterances. It is rather surprising to me that he can think that the propositions which he states are in any way the discovery or the revelation of recent science. He tells us that he believes no longer in a great first cause. Standing by itself, that utterance is vague and indefinite. But Dr. Abbott has no other said this, but his meaning is generally understood. At the Congressional Council at Des Moines he said: 'No long first cause tells us of a great first cause, setting in motion secondary causes which frame the world.' He accepts this, but this will not brand Dr. Abbott as a heretic, for it is simply good, old-fashioned, orthodox theism.

"Again Dr. Abbott says: 'My God is a great and everlasting force which is manifest in all the activities of man and all the workings of nature. I believe in a God who is in and through and of everything—not an absentee God, whom we have to reach through a Bible or a priest or some other outside aid, but a God who is closer to us than hands or feet.'

Agrees with Westminster Catechism.

"Dr. Abbott certainly cannot present this view of God as a new conception, or as the discovery of any modern science or philosophy. I would like to call his attention to an old document in which he will find this utterance: 'God's works of providence are His most holy, wise and powerful, preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions.' There is not much absentee God about that. It is a statement from the old Westminster Shorter Catechism.

"The idea of an absentee God, which Dr. Abbott tells us he repudiates, nowhere finds expression in evangelical literature. Both the theology and the hymnology of the Church emphasize the fact that God is a being who is near us, in us, through us and in whom men are. Dr. Abbott accepts Tennessee's fine utterance, which he makes a part of his remarks. 'Closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.' But Paul said that long before Tennessee: 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

Bold and Bald Assertions.

"Again, Dr. Abbott says, 'Science, literature and history tell us that there is one eternal energy.' Yes, and they tell us that that one eternal energy is wise and beneficent. Wisdom and kindness are attributes of personality, and Dr. Abbott believes in the personality of God. No heretic brand of atheism. Again Dr. Abbott is quite orthodox in stating that 'God is always working, always creating, Jesus said, 'My Father worketh hitherto and I work.' Some of the other utterances of Dr. Abbott in his Harvard address are characteristic of a certain school of criticism. Its method is that of bold and bald assertions. It is dogmatic in the extreme. The oracle speaks and all the world must submit. Such as the utterance, 'The Bible is the word of God, and it is not to be questioned.' It is a statement of faith, not of science, literature and history tell us that the Bible can no longer be accepted as ultimate, that many of its laws were copied from other religions; that the Ten Commandments did not spring from Moses, but from gradual growth; and that man is a creature of evolution not of revelation.

Impenetrable Integrity of the Bible.

"Now there is nothing very fatal in any of these statements in themselves and there is certainly nothing new in them. But the tendency of the utterance is fatal. That tendency is to impeach the integrity and the reliability of the Bible. Science, literature and history do not do that. They teach as Dr. Abbott says they teach. Being an evolutionist, Dr. Abbott is ever consistent with his philosophy and cannot permit, as Dr. McGraw once said, 'anything to come into existence, whether made by man or God, independently of his philosophy.'

"If the Bible cannot be accepted as ultimate it certainly has not yet been overthrown. Nevertheless, the Bible is a book, and a book is a living being, with an action, a power which invades everything that opposes its extension.

ABBOTT DEFENDS HIS UTTERANCES.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, whose sermon before the students of Harvard University Sunday night, wherein he defended the principal tenets of orthodox Christianity and expressed his idea of God as an "infinite energy," and who said, "We are a nation of critics, and a country of skeptics," said in his address:

Cambridge, Mass., last night and clearly defined his attitude toward his critics. Shown a statement of Bishop Cheney, of Chicago, that his statements amount to a denunciation of Christianity, Dr. Abbott said:

"You may state positively that I believe the exact opposite to be the truth." He denied that his present attitude was in any sense a departure from the views entertained by him for many years. He declared that his heresy, if he has any, is the heresy of the entire thinking world at the present time.

Position is Not New.

"My present position is not new," said Dr. Abbott. "It seems strange that marked importance should be attached to my utterance of last night, which is the same I have preached in my sermons and written in my published works for the last fifteen years. I stand now where I have always stood, where all thinking men and women are tending at the present time. It is the irreconcilable conflict of the old with the new.

"All transitions of thought invite friction, laceration and, unfortunately, some strife. In this case it is the old ideas of man's relations to God, with its special revelation and special mediators, contrasted with the broader and more spiritual view in which each soul comes to the fullest sense of its oneness with God.

"The old idea was that God was over and above the world, related to it as a mechanic to his machine. To-day we have come to the more spiritual view of God as the indwelling spirit, who is in and of the entire universe. This permits of no doctrine of mediation. It brings each soul as near to God as any man has ever been or ever will be, whether it be here today or on the Isle of Patmos or Sinai.

"The Bible will remain as it always has been, the record of man's greatest aspiration and achievement in the religious life," said Dr. Abbott. "It is the greatest revelation we have, but it is no truer a revelation than spiritual souls have today."

Distinguished from Others.

"But if you reject the doctrine of mediation, what becomes of Jesus Christ?" "Christ is in history what the Bible is in literature, the supreme expression of the divine idea. As such he remains ever distinguished from all other men, and must always remain our comfort and the divine expression in human conduct."

Asked how his view of God differed from Spinoza's "unknown," Dr. Abbott said that Spinoza's view was the last word of science, "but we can go

further and from our observation of the universe form a definite conception of the personality and moral qualities of this infinite force or God. He also distinguished it from pantheism, which is the doctrine that the universe is God, while the advanced Christian's belief is that God is in and of the universe, but separate from it.

"To oppose this irreconcilable tendency of modern thought is to fight against the very spirit of progress, and those who do so are the real enemies of religion—and by religion I mean merely the spiritual life. The fundamental force in this spiritual evolution is our educational system, our schools and universities. In every department of our culture the idea of evolution is inculcated; the youth of to-day are thoroughly grounded in it. To set apart the religious realm as the only field where the principles of evolution do not apply is folly and can end in nothing but disaster. The soul like the mind, must outgrow the habits of its childhood."

NO DANCING IN THE CHURCH.

Pastor Corrects a Report Concerning a Eucharist Party.

Rev. Father Anastasius De Anellis, writing to The Evening World from New Castle, Pa., gives the true version of an occurrence at that place, which was published under the caption, "Eucharist Party in Trouble by Dancing in Church." He says:

"What was described in that article did not take place in the church, much less on a Sunday. On that occasion Father Anastasius did not enter the house of worship, but he entered the school hall, which in no way is used for divine services, but only for meetings of the church committee, or of the congregation to transact church business."

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